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SUBJECT: CODEL VISIT TO IRAN

1. EDWIN J. FEULNER, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAME INTO EMBASSY MAY 23 TO INFORM US THAT GROUP CONSISTING MAINLY OF ASSISTANTS TO VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN WILL BE STOPPING OVER IN TEHRAN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS SATURDAY, MAY 25, ON WAY TO MEETING IN SAIGON SPONSORED JOINTLY BY COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM. TEHRAN STOP WAS WORKED OUT AT LAST MINUTE AND GROUP WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF ENTIRELY BY IRANIANS. THEY WILL NOT REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY TEHRAN, BUT WISH EMBASSY TO BE AWARE OF THEIR VISIT. VISIT IS DESCRIBEQ IN LETTER TO IRANIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON AS UNOFFICIAL BY CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS. LETTER, SIGNED BY FEULNER, LISTS SIX QUESTIONS GROUP WOULD HOPE TO POSE TO IRANIAN OFFICIALS IN MILITARY AND PETROLEUM AREAS:

A) HOW DOES IRAN'S GOVERNMENT VIEW THE INCREASING NUMBER OF RADICAL SOCIALIST ARAB STATES? WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF THESE NATIONS EXTENDING THEIR POWER STILL FURTHER?

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B) WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT ON IRAN OF THE OPENING OF THE

SUEZ CANAL? WOULD THIS PRESENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM TO YOU?

C) HOW IS THE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN AND NEAR THE GULF REGARDED?

D) WHAT REASSESSMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN VIEW OF INDIA'S RECENT NUCLEAR EXPLOSION?

E) WHAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THAT TIME IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE IRANIAN OIL SUPPLY RUNS OUT?

F) WHAT INTERNAL THREATS ARE THERE TO THE IRANIAN OIL SUPPLY? IS SABOTAGE A SERIOUS PROBLEM? WHAT GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN?

2. GROUP EXPECTS TO SEE DR. FALLAH OF NIOC, AMONG OTHERS'

3. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TEHRAN VIA KLM507 FROM ATHENS AT 00.20 MAY 25 AND DEPART AT 2325 SAME DAY VIA JAL-462 FOR BANGKOK.

4. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP STOPPING IN IRAN ARE:

EDWIN J. FEULNER, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE; FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO HON. PHILIP M. CRANE; FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN R. LAIRD.

BELDEN BELL, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO HON. ROGER ZION (R-IND.).

JOHN T. CALKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, RETIRED MAJOR, U.S. ARMY RESERVE.

MILES M. COSTICK, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO HON. BEN B. BLACKBURN (R-GA.).

ROBERT H. HODGES, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO HON. FLOYD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPENCE; FORMER LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR STROM THURMOND.

ROBERT L. SCHUETTINGER, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE; FACULTY MEMBER, YALE UNIVERSITY.

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